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## COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE TRANSBAYKAL MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) A program to build hardened command and control facilities is underway in the Transbaykal Military District (MD), USSR. One facility was under construction at Atamanovka Training Area 1 [ ] one probable facility was under construction at Darasun Possible Communications Training Area [ ] and preparations for a possible facility were observed at Borzya (50-24N 116-31E).

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2. (S/D) The probable front-level command and control facility at Atamanovka Training Area 1 was in the early stages of construction on [ ] (Figure 1). One four-story barracks/administration building, 14 other buildings, and two arch-roofed concrete bunkers were being erected near the training support area. At least seven other bunkers were also under construction at locations from 0.6 to 1.9 nautical miles (nm) west and northwest of the support area. The closest of these was connected to the support area by a cable trench. Because of the heavily wooded terrain, no connection between the other bunkers and the support area could be determined.

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3. [ ] Atamanovka Training Area 1 is approximately 9 nm south-southeast of the front-level signal brigade at Chita Army Barracks AL-14 [ ]. Other sources indicate that the Atamanovka site may have been the probable location of the front command post (CP) during communications training in May, June, and September, and possibly served as the reserve CP during an earlier exercise.<sup>1,2</sup>

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4. (TSR) A small arch-roofed bunker was under construction at the Darasun Possible Communications Training Area in August 1979 (Figure 2). A command and control exercise was observed in this area in June 1979. The exercise involved up to 12 TWIN PLATE (R-410) tropo-scatter sets, one MERCURY PLATE (R-406) set, and five probable radio-relay (R-400/404) sets. The presence of MERCURY PLATE and TWIN PLATE indicates that this may have been the CP site of a signal brigade associated with the Reserves of the General Staff (RVGK).

5. (S/D) Prefabricated bunker sections were also observed in a storage area near Borzya Army Headquarters AL-1 [ ]. These sections may indicate that a hardened command facility will be built in the Borzya area. Borzya AL-1 housed an army-level signal regiment and an independent communications relay battalion in November 1980.

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6. (S/D) The completion of these facilities will increase the command and control capabilities in the Transbaykal MD. The fact that they are hardened would increase their ability to withstand an attack. If the Darasun site is associated with the RVGK, it would be a permanent General Staff communications link between Moscow and the Transbaykal MD.

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